

**FIRST 5 PLACER COUNTY
CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2004

Shiloh Center
905 Lincoln Way
Auburn, CA.

Attendees - Commissioners & Staff:

Tamara Lieberman, Chair, Commissioner & Tahoe Community Foundation
Dr. Sandra Naylor-Goodwin, Vice Chair, Commissioner & Director of the CA Institute for Mental Health
Dr. Richard Burton, Commissioner & Placer County Health Officer
Mindy Danovaro, Commissioner, Director of Development and Outreach, CALSTAR
Don Ferretti, CFC Director
Nancy Baggett, CFC Staff Systems Analyst, HHS Administration
Bobbie Reagan, CFC Administration Staff, HHS Administration

Commissioners & Staff Not in Attendance:

Raymond Merz, Commissioner & Director of Placer County Health & Human Services
Blanca Castro, Commissioner, Local Child Care Resources and Referral
Christa Darlington, CFC County Counsel
Harriet White, Commissioner & Board of Supervisors, District 3
Mike Romero, CFC Staff, HHS Epidemiology

Public Attendees:

Susan Fernandes, PCOE Program Manager, Tahoe
Jill Harper, PCOE Administrator
David Gray, Community
Karen Owen, CAPC
Getta Dolinsek, WPUSD
Jackie Clark, ARC
Francine Nunes, PCOE Child Care

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:46 p.m.

I. Public Comment

Persons may address the Commission on items not on this agenda. Please note that although the Commission is very interested in your concerns, the California Brown Act prohibits the Commission from taking any action at this meeting on items not published on this agenda.

David Gray brought to the attention of the Commission that the Little Hoover Commission has just released a very detailed proposal on Integrating State Agencies (13 departments of HHS). This proposal, if passed, would be very favorable to Placer County.

Commissioner Naylor-Goodwin added that the Governor has formed a Performance Review Commission (PRC) to review State and County relationships, focusing more on partnerships.

II. Approval of Minutes

Unable to approve the April 15th meeting minutes. Commissioners from the April meeting were not in attendance to approve. Approval of past minutes held until next meeting.

III. Commission Action Items

1. Authorize the Children and Families Commission Chair to sign an MOU with the County of Placer for staff support in FY 2004-2005 in the amount of \$404,077.

Dr. Burton abstained – quorum not met with Commissioners in attendance. Action Item held until next meeting.

2. Authorize the Children and Families Commission Chair to sign an agreement for \$24,000 with Trilogy Integrated Resources for continued operation of the Network of Care for Kids web site as outlined in the Commission's Strategic Plan 2004-2007.

Motion to authorize the CFC Chair to sign the agreement with Trilogy Integrated Resources in the amount of \$24,000.

Naylor-Goodwin / Burton / Unanimous

Suggested that the Network of Care pamphlets be distributed within the community and in the Tahoe Truckee area.

3. Request action to set a date and time for the Commission's 2004 Workshop/Retreat.

Motion to set a date and time for the Commission 2004 Workshop/Retreat.

Danovaro / Burton / Unanimous

Facilitator will be Heidi Kolb. The Rainbow Lodge was a suggested site.

4. Request for a Commissioner to join the CFC Finance Committee

Motion approved for a Commissioner to join the CFC Finance Committee

Danovaro / Burton / Unanimous

After volunteering, Commissioner Castro found that she couldn't participate due to her schedule. Commissioner Lieberman volunteered on a temporary basis until the two new Commissioners' are on board.

Discussion Items

a. Moving the regular CFC meeting from the second to the first Thursday of the month.

Christa Darlington, CFC County Counsel, has a conflicting meeting on the second Thursday and will be unable to attend the CFC meetings if they are not re-scheduled.

Commissioner Lieberman requested that this item be added to the June 2004 Agenda as an Action Item.

b. Proposed changes to the CFC Bylaws.

Bylaw changes were reviewed by Commissioner Naylor-Goodwin. Requested that the draft Bylaws be added to the June 2004 Agenda as an Action Item requesting approval.

IV. Commissioner Reports

Sandra Naylor-Goodwin – Sandra went to the State First 5 Conference in Burlingame last month, and attended the workshop on Sustainability. She provided an overview of the application.

Rich Burton – Received approval to open the recruitment process for an HHS Assistant Director, beginning on May 24, 2004 and running through the next month. A brief description of the position was announced, and noted it will be an electronic recruitment across the State, Sacramento, and to the local newspapers.

Tamara Lieberman – Tamara also attended the State First 5 Conference and went to the Ameracor Workshop. She provided an overview of the information received. Health Access was another workshop that she attended and will continue to update the Commission with information on this very interesting aspect of health insurance for children and families.

A combined effort by the Community Collaborative, Kings Beach FRC and First 5 Placer planned and hosted a committee meeting in Kings Beach to give information back to the community. They were surprised at the very low turnout. For future meetings/gatherings it is possible that the group looks at a different way in which to present the information back to the public.

V. Advisory Committee Reports

Community Collaborative of Tahoe/Truckee – Kim Bradley

Susan Fernandes reported for Kim. Truckee Preschool celebrated Dia de los Ninos (Kids Day), a cultural holiday in Mexico, which was very successful.

The last meeting of the Community Collaborative was on immigration. Many questions arose with most of the providers in the collaborative mentioning that they did not have the knowledge or resources to assist the community on this issue. There is a real need for lawyers with an immigration background. The month after next the collaborative meeting topic will be housing.

Next week the Mexican Consulate is coming to Kings Beach to issue I.D. cards. The Latino population does not have sufficient identification even to cash payroll checks.

Kings Beach School Readiness (Kathy McHugh) invited Robert Mooch (a children's author) to Kings Beach Elementary for a special session with the preschooler's. Three other schools participated with a total of 50 children traveling on the bus together for this event. Also invited were Home Providers and their children, including the Baptist Church Equest. A total of 75 preschool children were gathered in a little room to listen to this very visual storyteller. It was wonderful!

Kathy McHugh and Susan are working on collaborating with a reading program from the Bay Area providing library books for kids. There is a donor in the N. Lake Tahoe area that would like to fund this pre-school literacy project. Susan and Kathy will be working with the N. Lake Tahoe pre-school children, 0 to 5 with books.

Placer Collaborative Network – Getta Dolinick

None

Childcare Local Planning Council – Francine Nunes

None

VI. Coordinator Report – Don Ferretti

Looking for concrete "next steps" direction and people to work with in the health care area. Possibly one of the Themes for our funding would be Children's Health Insurance Coverage. Commissioner Burton suggested that Jim Gandle, from Placer County Community Clinics, could meet and talk together about the next steps direction. Don would like to bring information and ideas back to the Commission on health care coverage for our 0-5 population in Placer County.

Applicant Workshop is scheduled for May 19th, 2004. It is a requirement that applicants attend with the focus on 0-5 sustainability, with all the parts to the Strategic Plan being presented.

In reference to the ARC letter received, and the ECRSP project - action should be taken on both topics. There are critical issues regarding the fact that the fiscal agent is changing and the decision by the Steering Committee to keep the existing fiscal agent is a concern. Request that the CRC look at the whole project – providing an update on

the sustainability plan and the systems change goals. A data conversation, looking at outcome screen data only, is scheduled on May 17th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., with Heidi Kolb facilitating. A special CRC meeting will be scheduled for May 26 in the afternoon, to review the concerns mentioned.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:23 p.m.